ASCS Today

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ASCS Executive Director

Milk Diversion Program - Dairy producers will soon be able to contract with the Commodity credit corporaton to reduce sales of milk intended for commercial use and receive a $10 per hundredweigh incentive payment from the government.

Under the contract the milk producers may reduce milk marketing from five to 30 percent during the period Jan. 1, 1984, through March 31, 1985.

The milk diversion program was mandated by Congress in the Dairy and Tobacco Adjustment Act of 1983.

To be eligible, participants must:

--Be a milk producer in one of the 48 contiguous states;

--Have been actively engaged in milk production on November 29, 1983;

--Have established a milk base;

--Have provided a Milk Reduction Plan to the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service and offered to enter into a USDA milk diversion contract by January 31, 1984.

--Not have transferred, except under certain limited circumstances, to any person any dairy cows which would or could have been used for the production of milk in the U.S. after November 8.

The milk base will be determined based on the producer's 1982 marketing of milk for commercial use or the average of such marketings for calendar years, 1981 and 1982, which is selected by the producer.

The milk base may be transferred only under certain conditions.

"The producers must submit a milk reduction plan describing how the required reductions will be achieved." "The plan must include an estimate of the portion of the reduction to be achieved through increased slaughter of dairy cows, including the number of dairy cows to be sold for slaughter during each month or the contract."

While there is no dollar limit on the amount of payment a producer may earn for complying with the provisons of the contract -- nb producer may receive payment for reductions in the quantity of milk marketed for commercial use which is in excess of 30 percent of the milk base.

Certain tolerances are permitted for a producer to meet the reductions in milk marketing which are specified in the contract.

If there would be an excessive reduction of the level of milk production or there has been substantial hardship to producers of beef cattle, dairy cattle, hogs or poultry sold for slaughter due to heavy program participation--controls may be modified with respect to the reduction required.

Producers must report their marketings to the ASCS county office for the contract period, and they are responsible for providing accurate information. Producers may not withdraw from the program after Jan. 31. They must make their records of milk production available for inspection of so required.

"The USDA's Office of the Inspector General is auditing the new program to assure that any problems are detected as soon as they occur." "Auditing compliance with the program from the beginning will help us minimize any improprieties."

The regulations are scbduled to be published in the Federal Register next week. Producers should contact the county ASCS offices for further information about the program.

Coleman attends conference

Dan G. Coleman of Coleman & Sons, Inc., has just returned from a two day Southern States January Dealer Merchandising Conference held at the Midtown Holiday Inn in Richmond on Jan. 11 and 12.

The session ... one of six such conferences held throughout the cooperative's five-state operating territory ... was held for training and informing Southern States retail personnel about products and service programs so they could give maximum service to local farmers this spring.

Featured at the conferences were merchandising program sessions on fertilizer, farm supplies, paint, lawn and garden tools, tires, dairy feeds, seed and chemicals, and pet food.

There were special in-depth schools held during the session devoted to feed, farm supplies, retail operations and crop production including fertilizer, chemicals and seed.

The sessions were conducted by the cooperative's commodity specialists, supplier representatives and extension agronomists.

Audrey Graham honored

Red Carpet Sentry Realty, Inc. of Warrenton, Va. is pleased to recognize Audrey E. Graham as the recipient of the REALTOR Code of Ethics Award presented by the Fauquier Board of REALTORS at their ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET Dec. 17, 1983.

The REALTOR Code of Ethics Award is the most prestigeous presented by the Board and is in recognition of the REALTOR who has most promoted the high standards of conduct commanded by the Code of Ethics.

Mrs. Graham has been a member of the Fauquier Board of REALTORS for seven years and has been active in all its functions. She currently serves on the Multiple Listing Committee, the Northern Virginia Regional Multiple Listing Committee and the Virginia Association of REALTORS Multiple Listing Committee. She is Red Carpet Sentry's branch manager in its Warrenton office.

Mrs. Graham is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Evans, Jr. of Appomattox. She currently lives in Warrenton with her husband, son, and daughters, Laura and Lesley.

Benefit supper scheduled

The United Methodist Men of Memorial United Methodist Church will sponsor a pancake supper from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the church. This supper is to benefit Linda Booth, who was seriously injured in a farm accident. Only contributions will be accepted. This all-you-can-eat supper will be held in the church Fellowship Hall.

MISS CLAUDIA GORDON'S Kindergarten Class is practicing with their physical education teacher, Miss Jan Jennings, for the Physical Education Demonstration Program. Every class at Appomattox Primary School will be participating in the demonstration. They will be showing many different activities they have learned in their physical education classes. After the demonstration program, Appomattox Primary School will be receiving a special award and be recognized as a State Demonstration Center for Health and Physical Education. The Physical Education Demonstration Program will be for the APS PTA meeting which will be held at the Appomattox County High School Auditorium at 7:00 P.M. on January 19. All of Appomattox Primary School's patrons and friends are encouraged to come enjoy an entertaining and informative program.

'Leo Dixie Dandy'

Local horse on TV

"Leo Dixie Dandy", a seven-year-old sorrel gelding owned by Charles Douglas Branch of Appomattox, Virginia, will be featured in the 1983 World Championship Quarter Horse Show telecast.

The horse also will be seen when Superstation WTBS of Atlanta, Georgia airs the program Jan. 21, beginning at 4:05 p.m. The Ted Turner Broadcasting System station will broadcast this year's show telecast to more than 60 million people across the United States, covering more than 21 million homes. This coverage includes all of the nation's 205 television markets.

The hour-long show will feature highlights from class finals during the show's final two days, as well as several scenes from events earlier in the week. Also included in the broadcast will be a segment on the four richest Quarter Horse races of 1983. Those to be shown are the All-American Futurity; All-American Gold Cup; Skoal Dash for Cash Futurity; and Faberage Special Effort Futurity.

Walt Garrison, U.S. Tobacco Company spokesman, and John Brooks, voice of the University of Oklahoma Football Network, return to co-anchor this year's telecast. Experience from four previous World Show Telecasts bestows the two a wealth of knowledge on World Show events. As always, the Garrison/Brooks team should provide an entertaining highlight to the telecast.

World Show Telecast production and direction was provided by Jack Carver of JPI Productions in Denver, Colorado. Carver has earned many year's experience in the Quarter Horse industry through his production of both films and television broadcasts for the American Quarter Horse Association. Carver, who has produced all AQHA films since 1976, utilized production facilities provided by Oklahoma City television station KTVY for the show.

More than 1,000 of the world's best Quarter Horses travelled to Oklahoma City for this year's show, held Nov. 12-19. A record-breaking audience of more than 60,000 attended show performances, which featured 59 classes and total prize money of $378,250.

The AQHAis the world's largest and fastest-growing horse breed registry, with a membership of more than 142,000 and registrations for over two million Quarter Horses. Its headquarters are located in Amarillo, Texas.

Foul shots make difference

Raiders fall to Colonels

Despite outshooting Altavista 21 field goals to 16 from the floor, the varsity Raiders fell to the Colonels 57-50 last week, due largely to a disproportionate number of Appomattox fouls.

Altavista went to the foul line 40 times against the Raiders, while Appomattox went to the foul line only 19 times.

And, the Colonels made 23 out of 28 freethrows in the fourth quarter alone.

"The foul shots were the difference in this game, commented Raider coach Coty Dickerson. "Even though we outshot them from the floor, it was the foul shots that decided the game."

Indeed, it was a game whore many fouls were called on Appomattox players. Three Raiders -- Bobby Carter, Gary Ferguson, and Tyrone Abbitt -- fouled out of the game, and no Raider players had fouled out of a game before the Altavista contest.

High scorers for the Raiders were Tyrone Abbitt with 12 points, and Mike Jackson and Ricky Miller with 11 points each. Todd Scruggs had seven points for the Raiders, Tim Austin and Bobby Carter each had 3, and Gary Ferguson had 2 points.

Friday night's scheduled game against Liberty was rescheduled for Jan. 28 at 8 p.m. The Raiders were scheduled to play Buckingham Tuesday after the Times-Virginian deadline. Friday night the team will play Rustburg at home.

Altavista drops jayvees

The Raider junior varsity basketball team lost a hard-fought game to Altavista's jayvee squad last Tuesday night, 49-35.

Altavista took a 13-8 lead in the first quarter, but the Raiders came back in the next three periods, outscoring their opponents to tie the game 26-26 as the final buzzer sounded.

In the overtime period, however, Altavista outscored Appomattox 7-2, and recorded the victory 49-38.

"We were hurt by turnovers in the overtime period," commented coach John Pettyjohn. "And Altavista shot a lot more foul shots than we. They went 11 for 25 at the foul line, and we were six for 15."

Leading scorers for Appomattox were James Baker, with 19 points, and Cleve Jones, who had 10 points.

Pettyjohn said "the team played together well. They played good defense. We just got behind early, and we had the problem with turnovers in the overtime period."

Last Friday's scheduled game against Liberty was postponed because of bad weather, and has been rescheduled for Saturday, Jan. 28.

The jayvees were scheduled to play Buckingham away Tuesday after the Times-Virginian deadline, and the team is scheduled to play Rustburg this Friday night at home. Game time is 6 p.m.

AES Menu

Thurs., Jan. 19 - Beef & Cheese pizza, tossed garden salad w/dressing, applesauce, milk.

Fri., Jan. 20 - Teachers Workday

Mon., Jan. 23 - Country style steak w/gravy, hot rolls, seasoned green beans, whipped potatoes, mandarin oranges, milk.

Tues., Jan. 24 - Meat loaf, seasoned mixed greens, buttered corn, hot rolls, fruit cup, milk.

Wed., Jan. 25 - No School

Mime group performs here

The Colucci Music Mime Theatre of Norfolk, presented a very enriching program to students at Appomattox Elementary School on Monday, Jan. 9.

The troup of three, incorporated music and mime to tell stories and demonstrate the art of mime.

Mime is an ancient Greek or Roman representation of an action, character or mood by means of gestures and actions. Many teachers use mime in lessons to teach action verbs and to present dramatic skills without words.

Mass days noted here

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church will hold Mass every Friday, at 12:15 p.m. and every Sunday at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

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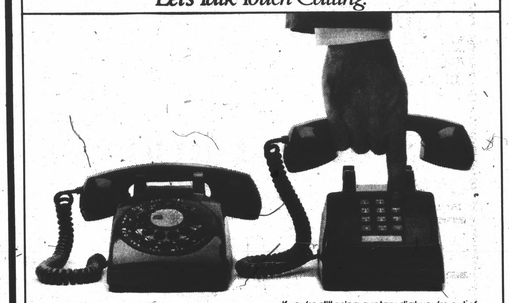

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